

Curriculum Vitae

Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, in April 16, 1919; attended King George Public School and Central Collegiate there. First work was at Radio Station CHAB where he started first local radio news gathering service in Saskatchewan in 1938. He also worked with Moose Jaw Times Herald and Regina Leader Post daily newspapers and at one time operated a weekly newspaper. He derived his nickname from his years of association with the news media.

Was elected an alderman of the City of Moose Jaw for 1948 and 1949 and served as the first native born and youngest mayor in the City's history, as well as the longest term. He was mayor from 1950 to 1956 and from 1965 to 1970. He was a member of Moose Jaw Public Board of Education 1966-71, serving as chairman 1969-71 while he was mayor at the same time. He served as President of Saskatchewan Urban-Municipalities Association in 1956 during his first term as Mayor, and as vice-president in 1966-70 during his second term.

He served a short time as a Member of Parliament (Moose Jaw- Lake Centre 1957-58.) He served 17 years as a member of the Saskatchewan Local Government Board. This board is considered quasi-judicial in that it regulates the debt of municipalities, school boards, hospitals and other local governing authorities in Saskatchewan.

He was 1980 chairman of the Celebrate Saskatchewan committee for Moose Jaw; vice-chairman of the Canada Week committee, and has been president of the Moose Jaw Wild Animal Society for 25 years. His hobbies are coin collecting and woodworking. Married the former Jean Munro in 1942, they have five children.

Mr. Lewry was made a member of the Order of Canada in June 1980, and was honored by his native City when City Council presented him with their "medal of Merit" which has been awarded to only four citizens previously, in November 1980. He was also named Honorary President, Saskatchewan Command, Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans in Canada.

He was chairman of the Moose Jaw Committee of the International Year of Disabled Persons, 1981. He is serving his third consecutive year as chairman of Coin Week Canada and is co-ordinating world-wide coin week activities in 1983. He won the Royal Canadian Mint medal for numismatic education in July 1982 through his endeavours in Coin Week Canada.

He was named chairman of a committee to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of Moose Jaw when the CP Rail reached there in 1882, and had a vigorous Centennial program in 1982.

He ran for re-election as Mayor in the October 27, 1982 Civic éléction and was successful in becoming the first to serve on three different occasions spanning four decades from the 1950's to the 1980's.

He was named a Director of Prairie Public Broadcasting System in January 1983 and was re-elected to the board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association in February 1983.

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